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ENCROACHMENT AND CORRUPTION IN CANTONMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of encroachments in the cantonment areas and corruption in various Cantonment Boards/Cantonment Councils of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases in regard to encroachment/corruption reported in Barelly Cantonment Council and other Cantonment Boards during the last three years;

(c) the action taken against the officers found guilty; and

(d) the amount allocated by the Government for the development of these Cantonment Boards during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Encroachments on defence land within Cantonment areas are reported from time to time. There is no Cantonment Council in the country. The yearwise details of encroachment of defence land within the Cantonments are as under:

Year	Encroachments in the Year	
	Bareilly	Total
2002-2003	25	901
2003-2004	39	1152
2004-2005	16	306

There have been allegations of corrupt practices in a few Cantonment Boards including Bareilly. On charges of irregular purchase disciplinary proceedings against three officers were initiated during the last three years.

(d) The grant released by the Government to the Cantonment Boards during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Grants (in Crores)
2002-2003	Rs. 25.98
2003-2004	Rs. 25.00
2004-2005	Rs. 29.97
Total	Rs. 80.95